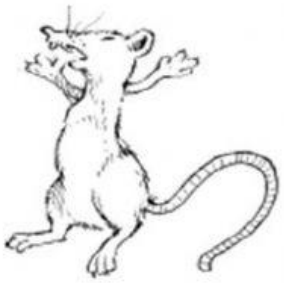
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Reading Comprehension



The Upside-Down Mice

Read the story below, and then answer the questions that follow:

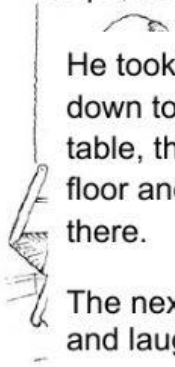
Once upon a time there lived an old man of 87 whose name was Labon. All his life he had been a quiet and peaceful person. He was very poor and very happy.

When Labon discovered that he had mice in his house, it did not bother him much at first. But the mice multiplied. They began to bother him. They kept on multiplying and finally there came a time when even he could stand it no longer.

When he got home, he put the glue on the underneath of the mousetraps and stuck them to the ceiling. Then he baited them carefully with pieces of cheese and set them to go off.

That night when the mice came out of their holes and saw the mousetraps on the ceiling, they thought it was a tremendous joke. They walked around on the floor, nudging each other and pointing up with their front paws and roaring with laughter. After all, it was pretty silly, mousetraps on the ceiling.

When Labon came down the next morning and saw that there were no mice caught in the traps, he smiled but said nothing



He took a chair and put glue on the bottom of its legs and stuck it upside-down to the ceiling, near the mousetraps. He did the same thing with the table, the television set and the lamp. He took everything that was on the floor and stuck it upside-down on the ceiling. He even put a little carpet up there.

The next night when the mice came out of their holes they were still joking and laughing about what they had seen the night

But now, when they looked up at the ceiling, the stopped laughing very suddenly.

gracious me!" cried one. "Look up there! There's the floor!"

ns above!" shouted another. "We must be standing on the ceiling!"

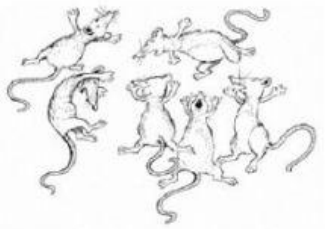
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"I'm beginning to feel a little giddy," said another.

All the blood's going to my head," said another.

"This is terrible!" said a very senior mouse with long whiskers. "This is really terrible! We must do something about it at once!"

"I shall faint if I have to stand on my head any longer!" shouted a young mouse.



"Me too!"

"I can't stand it!"

Save us! Do something, somebody, quick!"

They were getting hysterical now. "I know what we'll do," said the very senior mouse. "We'll all stand on our heads, then we'll be right way up."

Obediently, they all stood on their heads, and after a long time, one by one they fainted from a rush of blood to their brains.

When Labon came down the next morning the floor was littered with mice. Quickly he gathered them up and popped them all in a basket.

So the thing to remember is this: whenever the world seems to be terribly upside-down, make sure you keep your feet firmly on the ground.

1-Why did Labon want to get rid of the mice?

A. He had always hated mice. B. There were too many of them.

C. They laughed too loudly. D. They ate all his cheese.

2-Where did Labon put the mice when he picked them up from the floor?

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3-Do you think the mice were easy to fool? Give one reason why or why not.

4-You learn what Labon is like from the things he does. Describe what he is like and give two examples of what he does that show this.

5-Which word best describes this story?

A. serious and sad

B. scary and exciting

C. funny and clever

D. thrilling and mysterious

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